Requirement of Power in Andhra Pradesh

1434. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether any assessment of the Power requirement of the country during the Ninth Five Year Plan has been made;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the requirement and existing capacity of power in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of projects likely to be taken up to meet this requirement of the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) and (b) The 15th Power Survey Committee has assessed the power requirements of the country. The details of the requirements for the country during the 9th Plan are as follows:

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
Peak Load (MW)	73458	78936	84666	90095	95757
Energy requirement (Million Kwh)	436258	469057	502254	535903	569650

(c) The peak availability for Andhra Pradesh during January 1997 was 4576 MW against a peak demand of 5380 MW. The corresponding energy availability was 2817 Million Kwh against a requirement of 3400 Million Kwh.

(d) The details of the projects for the 9th Plan have yet not been finalised.

Failure of Independent Power Producers due to non-Financing by Commercial Banks

1435. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the absence of access to pension funds and lendings from commercial banks to part finance private power projects, the power projects being started by independent power producers have failed to take off;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what are the reasons that the impediments are not being cleared expeditiously to eliminate power crisis in the country, despite privatisation in the power sector?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (DR. S. VENUGOPALACHARI): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The State Electricity Boards are not financially strong and accordingly are not able to make the necessary investments. This also poses problems for the private sector and attempts are being made to overcome this by alternative security packages in the short run and reforms to make the State Electricity Board's viable in the long run.

उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम में व्याप्त भ्रष्टाचार

1436. **श्री राजनाथ सिंह:** क्या ग्रामीण क्षेत्र और रोजगार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तर प्रदेश जल निगम में विशेषतया इसके रानीखेत-अल्मोड़ा खण्ड में, बड़े पैमाने पर भ्रष्टाचार व्याप्त है जिसके परिणामस्वरूप आम जनता को पेयजल के गंभीर संकट का सामना करना पड़ रहा है;

(ख) क्या आम जनता को 1984-85 में प्रारम्भ की गयी भौनादेवी-रामगंगा पेयजल परियोजना की पूरी क्षमता का लाभ नहीं मिल पा रहा है;